

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are presented in this application. The Office Action requires election of a species from the following:

Group I, drawn to Figs. 1-3;

Group II, drawn to Fig. 4;

Group III, drawn to Fig. 5;

Group IV, drawn to Figs. 6-7;

Group V, drawn to Figs. 8-10;

Group VI, drawn to Fig. 11;

Group VII, drawn to Fig. 12; and

Group VIII, drawn to Fig. 13.

Claims 1, 3, and 5-24 read on Group I.

Claims 2, 4-12, and 15-24 read on Group II.

No claim is identified as being generic to Groups I and II.

Applicants elect Group I, drawn to Figs. 1-3. Claims 1, 4, 9, and 10 read on these figures. Also, claim 3 is amended herein to convert it to a dependent claim. Specification support for claim 3 can be found, for example, at pages 28-30, and in Figs. 6 and 7. Claim 3 adds features to the generic disclosure of claim 1, and as amended, is believed to be appropriate for consideration at the present time.

If the Examiner were to still regard the subject matter of claim 3 as directed to a species distinct from the species described in group I, then to reiterate, it is group I that is to be presently considered.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant respectfully requests a three month extension of time for responding to the Office Action. The fee of \$1110.00 for the extension is provided for in the charge authorization presented in the PTO Form 2038, Credit Card Payment form, provided herewith.

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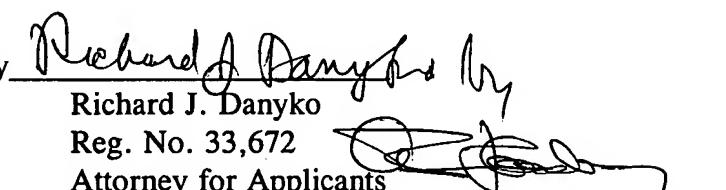
In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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